

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Orme-Shaw House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11601 Caverly Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town Beltsville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank Champo  
11601 Caverly Avenue

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville state and zip code Maryland 20705

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1435

street &amp; number Main Street folio 092

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-2

Building Date: late 18th c.,  
1895

Building Name: Orme-Shaw House

Location: 11601 Caverly Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Orme-Shaw House is a two-part frame dwelling: a small late eighteenth century log structure, to which a larger two-story section was added about one hundred years later. The older, log section of the house is side-gabled, one and one half stories high, with a facade-wide porch; the shed roof of the porch is integral with that of the house. The log was covered with German siding, probably at the time of construction of the two-story section; both sections were subsequently, in 1932, covered with rectangular shingle siding, stained a dark red. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. At the north gable end of the log section is an exterior corbelled brick chimney. Attached to the west rear elevation of the log house is a one-story kitchen wing forming a T shaped plan. The larger two-story section of the house was built onto the south gable end of the older log section in the 1890's; its main east facade is flush with the porch of the log section. It is side gabled and three bays by two, with entrance in the third bay of the east facade through a door with a modern Colonial Revival surround.

Significance

The Orme-Shaw House is an unusual example of a modest eighteenth century log dwelling, expanded in the 1890's by the construction of a larger wing. The original log structure was built for Priscilla Orme late in the eighteenth century, and served as the residence for forty years of Evan Shaw; it was more than doubled in size at the end of the nineteenth century. The land on which the house stands is part of a tract called Edmonston's Range, 164 acres of which was deeded in 1773 by Archibald Edmonston to his daughter, Priscilla Orme. After the deaths of Priscilla and Robert Orme, their children petitioned the Chancery Court in 1822 to sell the property; it was purchased in 1824 by Evan Shaw, and was his home until 1865. The 30 acres including the log house came into the possession in 1895 of William S. White, who built the two-story wing soon after his purchase. The addition was typical of modest frame houses of the 1890's, but was unusual in that it was built onto a much older dwelling of totally different style and construction. The Orme-Shaw House is one of few examples of a two-period vernacular dwelling, and a rare surviving example of an eighteenth century log house.

Acreage: 17.983 acres

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Orme-Shaw House is a two-part frame dwelling: a small late eighteenth century log structure, to which a larger two-story section was added about one hundred years later. It is distinguished by its unusual roofline, and its setting in a wooded oasis within an urban area.

The older, log section of the house is side-gabled, one and one half stories high, with a facade-wide porch. It is four bays wide with entrance in the second bay of the main east facade; the door is panelled and glazed, and has a plain board surround. The third bay was originally a second door but was converted into a window in this century. The shed roof of the porch is integral with that of the house; it is supported by chamfered wood posts, and has a poured concrete floor.

This original log section measures 36 by 16 feet. The log was covered with German siding, probably at the time of construction of the two-story section; both sections were subsequently, in 1932, covered with rectangular shingle siding, stained a dark red. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and louvered wood shutters painted a pale green. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. One shallow gable dormer breaks through the east plane of the roof; it encloses a small 6/6 double hung sash window. On the rear a long three-window dormer spans nearly the entire west plane of the roof; this long shed dormer was constructed in 1932. At the north gable end of the log section is an exterior corbelled brick chimney. At the south gable end, where the old log section joins the two-story section, is an interior brick stove chimney. There is no basement.

Attached to the west rear elevation of the log house is a one-story kitchen wing with the ridge of its gable roof at right angles to that of the log section. It is three bays by one, and siding, roof and window treatment are the same as the older log section.

Interior plan of the log section is two rooms side-by-side; each was originally warmed by a fireplace in the gable end wall, and there was an enclosed two-run stair in the east corner between the two chambers. This staircase has recently been opened. The north parlor is now panelled with wood, and a new brick fireplace was constructed in place of the original stone. In the larger south parlor is a large Colonial Revival mantel, with plaster of Paris ornaments (shell patterns and swags); this fine mantel was installed at the turn of this century. In the ceiling of the south parlor one can see the adzed beams, pegged into a cross beam at the west where the kitchen wing is attached.

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The larger two-story section of the house was built onto the south gable end of the older log section in the 1890's. Its main east facade is flush with the porch of the log section. It is side gabled and three bays by two, with entrance in the third bay of the east facade through a modern door with a modern Colonial Revival (broken pediment with fluted pilasters) surround. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds; modern keystone board lintels have been applied above the windows on the west elevation. As in the older log section, the original siding is covered with rectangular shingles painted dark red, and the trim is painted a pale green. Only the windows on the west elevation have shutters. The second story window in the first bay of the west elevation is downset to light the stair. The cornice is boxed and plain. The gable roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. There is no basement.

Interior plan of the two-story section consists of side stairhall and one large parlor. The open-string stair rises along the north wall of the stairhall. It has a turned newel with spherical cap, and turned balusters. The parlor is adorned with (newly installed) Colonial revival architrave moldings, while the trim in the stairhall is the original multi-band molding with bullseye corner blocks. The architrave moldings were installed circa 1932 during repairs to the house. In 1932 a hurricane destroyed the original flat roof of the two-story section; subsequent repairs included replacing the flat roof with the present gable roof, replacing the original 2/2 windows with the present 6/6 sashes, and installing the interior architrave moldings.

The house stands on a wooded enclave, surrounded by level grounds, and buffered by evergreens. The house is approached by an unpaved drive which leads from the north and circles the house. A small barn stands to the northwest; it was built in 1975, and replaces an older barn which was destroyed by fire in 1952.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 18thc., 1895 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The land on which the house stands is part of a tract called Edmonston's Range, 164 acres of which was deeded in 1773 by Archibald Edmonston to his daughter, Priscilla Orme.<sup>1</sup> This 164-acre parcel was after that known as "Priscilla's Lot", and the original log dwelling, probably built soon after 1773, became the home of Priscilla and Robert Orme. In 1798, at the time of the first Federal Direct Tax Assessment, it was described as "a log dwelling house on part of Edmonston's Range, 36 x 16 feet; 4 windows, 3-4 by 2; 3 windows, 1-8 by 1-4" with three log outbuildings on 164 acres.<sup>2</sup>

After the deaths of Priscilla and Robert Orme, their children petitioned the Chancery Court in 1822 to sell the property for their benefit. Joseph J. Jones was appointed trustee, and in 1824, he sold Priscilla's Lot to Evan Shaw. The property was described as follows: "part of Edmonston's Range, ca. 164 acres, near Vansville, about 25 miles from Baltimore and 13 miles from Washington. Improvements: a comfortable log house, 2 rooms above and 2 on lower floor with good brick chimneys, good kitchen and weaving house, meat house, corn house and stable, hen house, orchard, garden, and spring 100 yards from the door."<sup>3</sup> This house served as the home of Evan Shaw and his wife, Verlinda, until his death in 1865. Shaw farmed the land, and it was he who deeded land north of the Colesville Road for the establishment of a Methodist Church. This Methodist meeting house (no longer standing) was for many years a local landmark; the road which runs between Colesville in Montgomery County eastward to the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike, was also described as the road leading "from Shaw's Meeting House...".<sup>4</sup>

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Evan Shaw died in 1865, and devised his real estate, after the death of his wife, to two of his former slaves, John Edward Lee and Ann Virginia Brogden.<sup>5</sup> After several Court cases regarding the property, it was sold by Lee and Brogden, and 30 acres including the log house came into the possession in 1895 of William S. White.<sup>6</sup> It was White who built the two-story wing soon after his purchase.<sup>7</sup> The two-story addition was typical of modest frame houses of the 1890's, with interior trim characteristic of that period. The house was rendered unusual by the fact that it was built onto a much older dwelling of totally different style and construction.

During the early part of this century, the enlarged house was the residence of R. LeGrande and Mary V. Johnston, two artists who raised their family there and installed the Colonial Revival mantel in the south end of the log section.<sup>8</sup> The Johnstons sold their 30-acre lot to Elliott Hubbard in 1914.<sup>9</sup> After damage caused by a hurricane in 1932, Hubbard rebuilt the roof of the two-story section. He replaced the original flat roof with the present gable roof, and added the long shed dormer in the rear of the log section. Dr. Champo, who purchased the property in 1951, rebuilt the chimney and fireplace at the north end of the old log section, and restored the house to its present condition.<sup>10</sup>

The Orme-Shaw House is one of very few examples of a two-period vernacular dwelling, and a rare surviving example of an eighteenth century log house. The closest parallel is the William Duley House near Croom (82B-7); its earliest section was built circa 1800, and the wing was added in the 1870's.<sup>11</sup> The Orme-Shaw House is an important survival of an early house form, and an interesting example of architectural expansion.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed, BB:338.
- 2 Federal Direct Tax, 1798, Eastern Branch Hundred.
- 3 Prince George's County, Old Equity #85, 1822-24.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed, CSM #2:495.
- 5 Prince George's County Will, WAJ #1:55.
- 6 Prince George's County Equity #550 and #565; Prince George's County Deeds, JWB #33:335,337.
- 7 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890's.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed, JB #4:212; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1900-1915.

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9 Prince George's County Deed #101:306.

10 Interview with present owner, March 1988; Prince George's County Deed -  
#1435:92.

11 See MHT Form PG #82B-7.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title  
cf. notes, Item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 17.983  
Quadrangle name Beltsville

Tax Map 12 Parcel 57

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	PG Historic Preservation Commission	date	June 1988
street & number	#4010 CAB	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438



# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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P.G. # 11

1700115604

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
Culver House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
11601 Caverly Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Beltsville					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Frank E. Champo					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE		
Upper Marlboro			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent    ☒ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Deteriorated    ☐ Ruins    ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered    ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved    ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2½ story shingled house of three bays with the entrance in the east bay of the south facade. The door surround is Colonial Revival. The cornice is boxed but not returned; window surrounds are simple boards. There is a small chimney on the east end.

The the east is a 1½ story wing with an integral porch supported by five posts. The addition has a low dormer on the south facade and a large chimney on the east end. It is of four irregular bays with a door in the second bay from the west. According to Wilthong, the lower wing is log construction. It is undoubtedly the older part of the house but has been much altered.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# **8. SIGNIFICANCE**

## **PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## **SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

## **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |   |                                      |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |  | _____                                    |

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/26/73

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

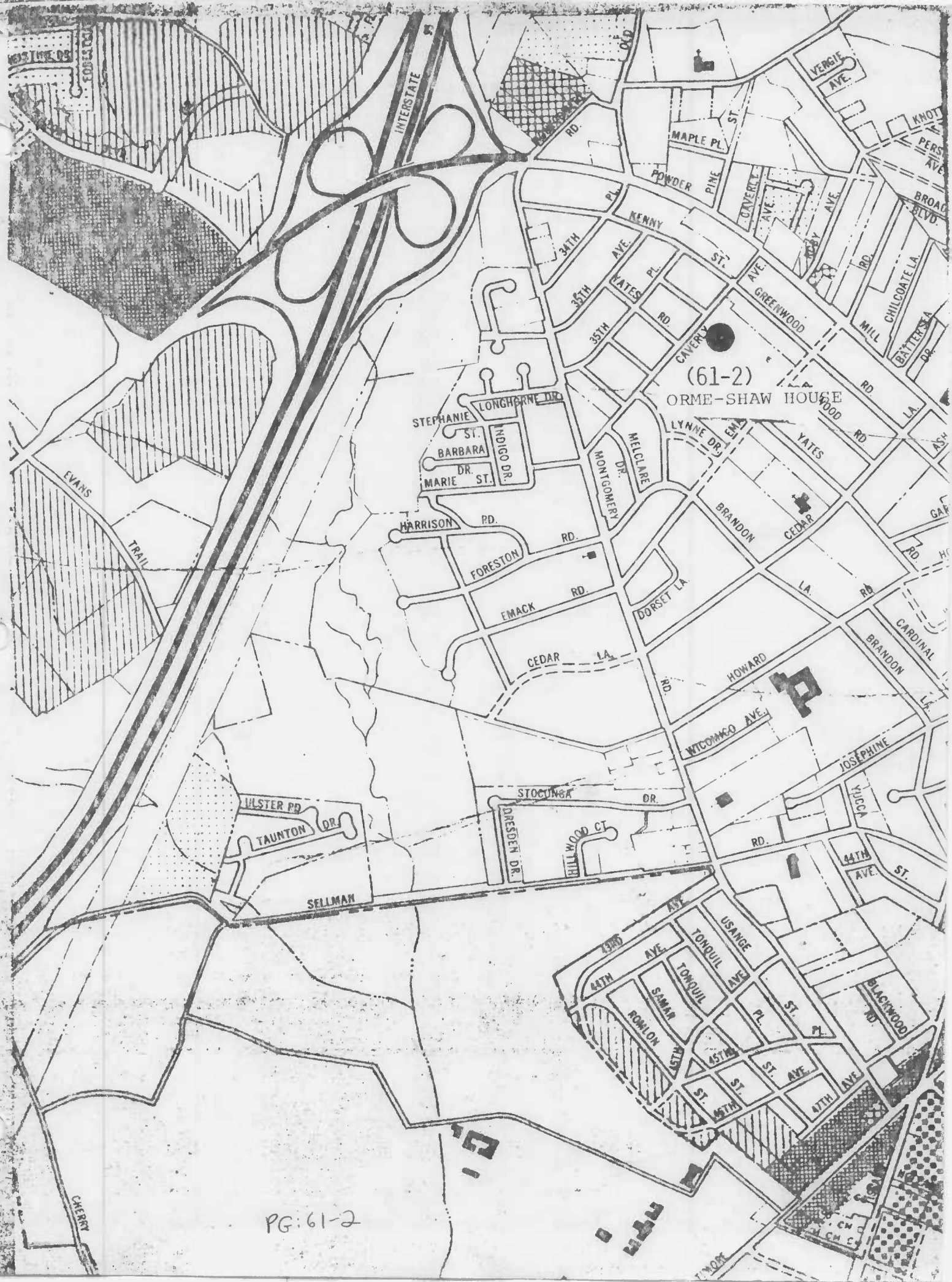
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

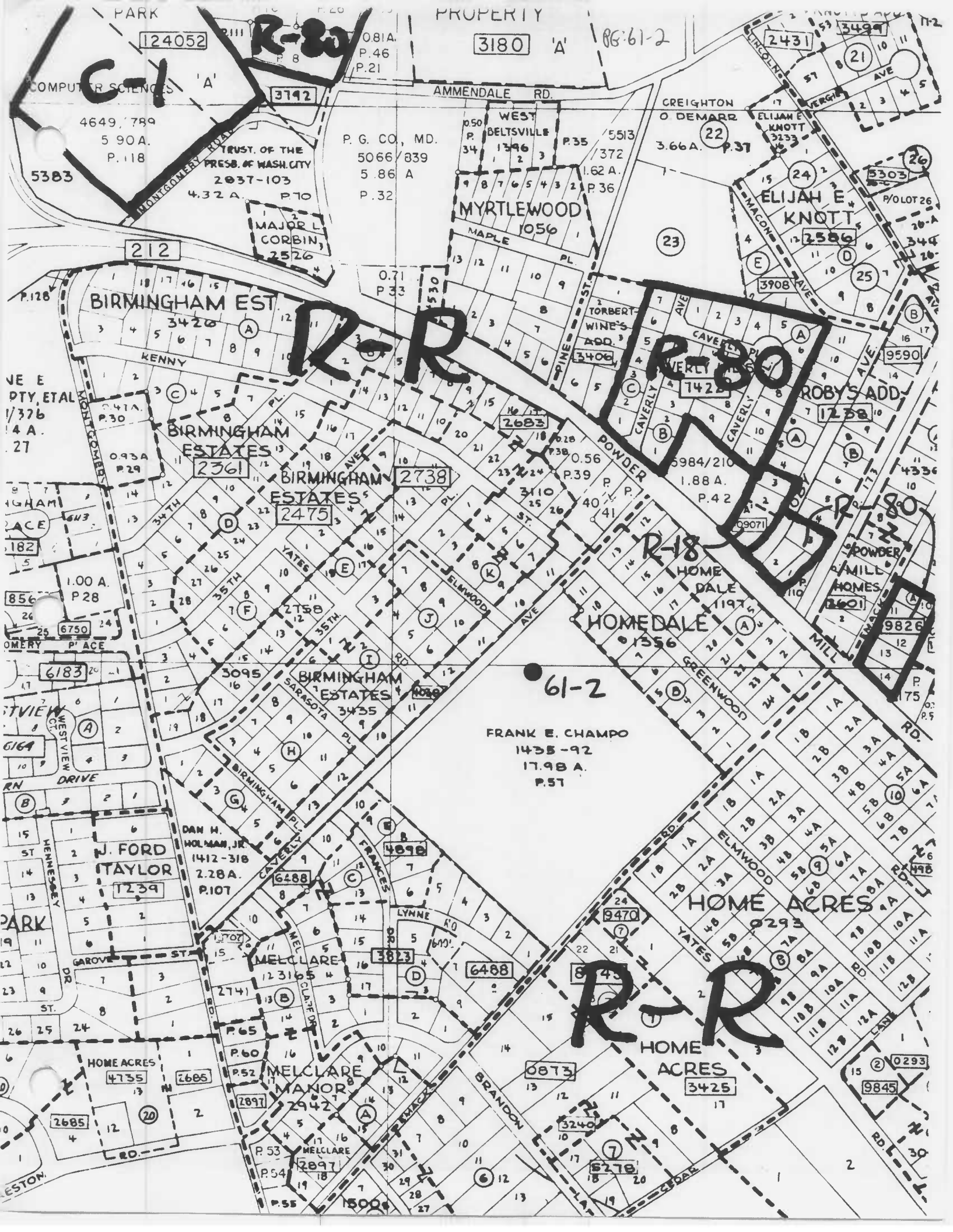
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(61-2)

ORME-SHAW HOUSE





# CHAIN OF TITLE

ORME - SHAW HOUSE (P.G. #61-2)

1435:92 8 Nov 1951 Deed	Elliott Hubbard et ux to Frank Champo et ux, same land "101:306
101:306 13 Nov 1914 Deed	Mary V. and R. LeGrand Johnston to Elliott Hubbard et ux, same land as JWB#33:337
JB#4:212 2 Nov 1898 Deed	Clara and William S. White to Mary V. Johnston, 30 acres, according to survey by Edward S. Emack, March 1895
JWB#33:335 15 May 1895 Deed	George T. Pulaski, T. Baker Dyer, & George J. Thomas to William S. White, 30 acres
JWB#33:337 and 339 15 May 1895 Deeds	Exchange deeds between Margaret Emack and William S. White, in order to straighten the line (south boundary) of the 30 acre tract conveyed in JWB#33: 335
HB:11:240 1 Nov 1875 Deed	David H. Lusk et ux to Margaret Emack, same land conveyed to David Lusk by R.B.B.Chew, trustee, under Equity #550, in deed HB#7:355; same land devised by will of Evan Shaw to Lee & Brogden, and later conveyed to Carlisle
HB#7:355 10 July 1873 Deed	R.B.B. Chew, trustee to David H. Lusk, tract near Beltsville, formerly owned by Evan Shaw
FS#4:48 18 Mar 1866 Deed	John Edward Lee & Ann Virginia Brogden (nee Lee) to James G. Carlisle, farm on which Evan Shaw resided at time of his death, and devised to Lee & Brogden after death of Shaw's wife, Verlinda
WAJ#1:55 21 Feb 1865 Will	Testator, Evan Shaw; to servants, Shaw's land, after death of Shaw's wife, Verlinda
AB#3:432 8 Nov 1824 Deed	Joseph J. Jones, trustee, to Evan Shaw, real estate of Priscilla Orme, 158 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, part of Edmonstons Range
#85 1822 Equity	Joseph Jones appointed to sell real estate of Priscilla Orme, part of Edmonston's Range, 164 acres, "comfortable log house, two rooms above and two on lower floor, with good brick chimneys, good kitchen . . ." etc., this 164 acres called "Priscilla's Lot", given to Priscilla Orme by her father, Archibald Edmonston in 1773

CHAIN OF TITLE  
ORME - SHAW HOUSE  
(#61-2) continued

BB:338  
28 July 1773  
Deed

Archibald Edmonston to daughter Priscilla Orme,  
Priscilla's Lot, being part of Edmonston's Range,  
164 acres



(entered 11/9/81)  
revised information

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Orme-Shaw House

AND/OR COMMON Culver House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 11601 Caverly Ave.

CITY, TOWN Beltsville, VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th

STATE Maryland

COUNTY P.G.

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Culver (Frank E. Champo)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 11601 Caverly Ave.

CITY, TOWN Beltsville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Md. 20705

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Prince George's County  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse

Liber #: 1435

Folio #: 92

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro.

STATE Md. 20870

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE P.G.Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1972-74

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS History Division, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Road

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Maryland 20840

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Orme Staw House  
Prince George's Co., MD  
Susan G. Pearl

May 1988

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust,  
Annapolis, MD

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1780, ca. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The one-and-one-half story log section of this house was built late in the eighteenth century by Robert and Priscilla Orme on a part of Edmonston's Range which her father, Archibald Edmonston, had deeded to her in 1773 and called "Priscilla's Lot". When, after Priscilla's death, her heirs applied for division of the property, the house was described as a "comfortable log house, two rooms above and two on lower floor, with good brick chimneys". The house and farm were accordingly sold in 1823 to Evan Shaw; in his will, probated in 1857, Shaw left the house and farm to his wife, Verlinda, with the understanding that after her death it was to go to two of their slaves, John Edward Lee and Ann Virginia Brogden.

The larger west section of the house was built during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The resulting two-part house is an interesting example of architectural expansion.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

P.G. County Deeds  
 Equity #85 (Old Equity), #550, #565  
 Federal Direct Tax, 1798

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl, Ruth Lockard

ORGANIZATION

P.G. County Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

May 1980

STREET & NUMBER

4811 Riverdale Road

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

STATE

20840

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE

ORME - SHAW HOUSE (P.G. #61-2)

1435:92  
8 Nov 1951  
Deed

Elliott Hubbard et ux to Frank Champo et ux,  
same land "101:306

101:306  
13 Nov 1914  
Deed

Mary V. and R. LeGrand Johnston to Elliott  
Hubbard et ux, same land as JWB#33:337

JB#4:212  
2 Nov 1898  
Deed

Clara and William S. White to Mary V. Johnston,  
30 acres, according to survey by Edward S. Emack,  
March 1895

JWB#33:335  
15 May 1895  
Deed

George T. Pulaski, T. Baker Dyer, & George J.  
Thomas to William S. White, 30 acres

JWB#33:337  
and 339  
15 May 1895  
Deeds

Exchange deeds between Margaret Emack and William  
S. White, in order to straighten the line (south  
boundary) of the 30 acre tract conveyed in JWB#33:  
335

HB:11:240  
1 Nov 1875  
Deed

David H. Lusk et ux to Margaret Emack,  
same land conveyed to David Lusk by R.B.B.Chew,  
trustee, under Equity #550, in deed HB#7:355;  
same land devised by will of Evan Shaw to Lee  
& Brogden, and later conveyed to Carlisle

HB#7:355  
10 July 1873  
Deed

R.B.B. Chew, trustee to David H. Lusk,  
tract near Beltsville, formerly owned by Evan Shaw

FS#4:48  
18 Mar 1866  
Deed

John Edward Lee & Ann Virginia Brogden (nee Lee)  
to James G. Carlisle, farm on which Evan Shaw  
resided at time of his death, and devised to Lee &  
Brogden after death of Shaw's wife, Verlinda

WAJ#1:55  
21 Feb 1865  
Will

Testator, Evan Shaw; to servants, Shaw's land,  
after death of Shaw's wife, Verlinda

AB#3:432  
8 Nov 1824  
Deed

Joseph J. Jones, trustee, to Evan Shaw, real  
estate of Priscilla Orme, 158 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, part of  
Edmonstons Range

#85  
1822  
Equity

Joseph Jones appointed to sell real estate of  
Priscilla Orme, part of Edmonston's Range, 164 acres,  
"comfortable log house, two rooms above and two on  
lower floor, with good brick chimneys, good kitchen  
..." etc., this 164 acres called "Priscilla's  
Lot", given to Priscilla Orme by her father,  
Archibald Edmonston in 1773





DB#61-2 Orme Shaw House  
Prince Georges Co., MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1988

Southwest 3/4 elevation

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North wing East elevation

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Cume Shaw House  
Prince Georges County, MD  
Susan L. Pearl

May 1988

Northeast  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation  
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust,  
Annapolis, MD

CHAIN OF TITLE  
ORME - SHAW HOUSE  
(#61-2) continued

BB:338  
28 July 1773  
Deed

Archibald Edmonston to daughter Priscilla Orme,  
Priscilla's Lot, being part of Edmonston's Range,  
164 acres

entered 9/15/80

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey : 61-2 Date ca. 1780, ca. 1875  
Building Name Orme House (Culver House)  
Location 11601 Caverly Ave., Beltsville, Md.  
Open to Public yes x no

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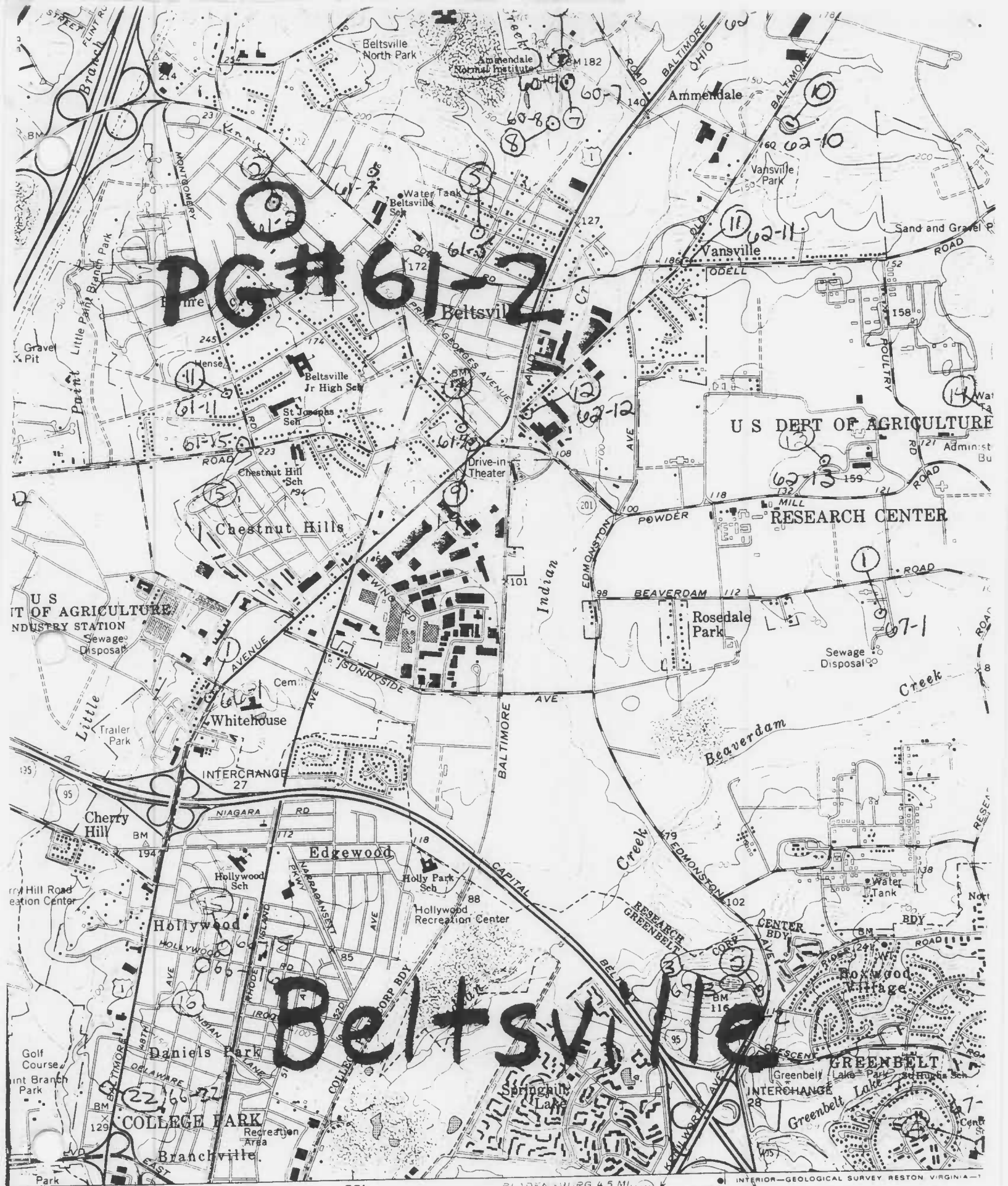
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Priv/occ/res/good

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty  
Medium-duty Unimproved dirt